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1. MARCH 11 MOBIL REP DEBRULE GAVE US FOLLOWING INFO CONCERNING ZAIRIAN PETROLEUM SUPPLY SITUATION: WITH RECENT ARRIVAL OF CARGO OF CRUDE AND TWO CARGOS OF PRODUCTS SCHEDULED END OF MARCH, SUPPLY SITUATION APPEARS TO BE BEST THAN FOR MANY MONTHS. CARGO OF 45,000 TONS OF LIGHT CRUDE ARRIVED REFINERY MARCH 10. THIS CAN BE BLENDED SO AS TO PERMIT UTILIZATION OF 25,000 TONS NIGERIAN MEDIUM CRUDE PRESENTLY AT REFINERY. TWO CARGOS OF PRODUCTS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BY END OF MARCH AND STOCKS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT RESTOCKING OF NORMAL SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT ZAIRE BEGINNING ABOUT APRIL 1.

2. PRESENT STOCKS OF GASOLINE, DIESEL AND GAS/OIL PRODUCTS ARE ADEQUATE IN KINSHASA AREA BUT ALL SUPPLIES OF AVIATION FUEL ARE EXHAUSTED AND JET FUEL IS SUFFICIENT FOR ONLY 50 PER CENT OF NORMAL REQUIREMENTS. SHORTAGES OF THESE PRODUCTS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL END OF MARCH WHEN TANKER SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE. WALKER

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